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GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS FLOUTING NORMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned ` Government hospitals face action for flouting norms` as reported in the Hindustan Times dated August 21, 2004;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein ;

(c) the action taken against them ; and

(d) the measures taken /proposed to be taken to ensure proper disposal of bio-medical wastes by these hospitals ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d): The Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) has informed that number of inspections were conducted in 2003-04 by environment Pollution (Prevention & Control) authority along with the officials of DPCC in three hospitals i.e. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital, Smt. Sucheta Kripalni Hospital and Safdarjung Hospital.

The Safdarjung Hospital was inspected on 17.5.2004 and found that segregation in colour-coded bags was done as per rules, incinerator was operational and meeting the prescribed norms.

Smt.Sucheta Kripalni Hospital have rectified the deficiencies pointed out by DPCC in its earlier inspection report and when the hospital was inspected again by DPCC on 8.12.2004, it was found that the incinerator was operational and met the prescribed norms, and serration in colour-coded bags was done properly at surgical wards - I & II, Blood Bank, Emergency, incinerator site etc.

In case of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Hospital under Govt. of NCT Delhi, the DPCC officials in their last inspection on 3.12.2004 found that segregation in colour-coded bags was being done properly, but sharp management needed improvement.